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SUBJECT: REPORT OF WORKING GROUP MEETING APRIL 10, 1975

(SALT TWO-604)

1. THE DEFINITIONS AND SYSTEMS-TO-BE-INCLUDED WORKING GROUP MET FOR THREE AND ONE-HALF HOURS ON 10 APRIL. TRUSOV GAVE ROWNY, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF SOV DELEGATION, A PACKAGE OF PROPOSED DEFINITIONS FOR: ICBM LAUNCHERS, SLBM LAUNCHERS, HEAVY BOMBERS AND ASMS.

2. TRUSOV'S ICBM LAUNCHER DEFINITION IS THE SAME AS THAT IN AGREED INTERPRETATION "H" TO THE INTERIM AGREEMENT. HIS SLBM LAUNCHER DEFINITION INCLUDES BALLISTIC MISSILE LAUNCHERS INSTALLED ON NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINES AND LAUNCHERS FOR MODERN SLBM LAUNCHERS INSTALLED IN ANY SUBMARINE, REGARDLESS OF TYPE. IN EFFECT, HE HAD CHANGED THEIR DEFINITION IN RESPONSE TO OUR INSISTENCE ON INCLUDING SLBM LAUNCHERS ON "H" CLASS SUBMARINES. HIS HEAVY BOMBER DEFINITION REPEATS THEIR EARLIER ONE AND EXCLUDES BACKFIRE AND BOMBER VARIANTS. HIS DEFINITION OF AN AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE TRACKS WITH THEIR POSITION AND COUNTS ALL ASMS "OF ANY TYPE" WITH A RANGE IN EXCESS

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OF 600KM AND INSTALLED ON A BOMBER.

3. MOST OF THE TIME WAS SPENT ON THE DEFINITION OF A LAND-BASED ICBM. ROWNY ARGUED FOR SEPARATE DEFINITIONS FOR A MISSILE AND A LAUNCHER AS IN US DRAFT ARTICLE II.1 AND 5. TRUSOV ARGUED FOR A COMBINED DEFINITION. ROWNY ARGUED THAT A LAUNCHER SHOULD BE DEFINED IN TERMS OF ITS CAPABILITIES, WHEREAS TRUSOV ARGUED IT SHOULD BE DEFINED IN TERMS OF INTENT. THIS HAD ROWNY ARGUING FOR THE USE OF THE WORDS "LAUNCHERS CAPABLE OF LAUNCHING A MISSILE" WHILE TRUSOV ARGUED FOR THE USE OF THE WORDS "LAUNCHERS FOR ICBMS". AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE SOVS DO NOT WANT TO DEFINE AN ICBM SEPARATELY FROM AN ICBM LAUNCHER AND STRONGLY OPPOSE DEFINING AN ICBM LAUNCHER IN TERMS OF ITS CAPABILITY.

4. ROWNY ASKED TRUSOV FOR SOV VIEWS ON THE US PROPOSAL FOR AN ICBM DEFINITION IN TERMS OF RANGE. TRUSOV SAID THAT OUR FORMULATION WHICH WOULD INCLUDE RANGES "IN EXCESS OF 5500KM" WAS UNDER STUDY.

5. IN REVIEWING OUR POSITIONS ON DEFINITIONS INCLUDED IN ARTICLE II OF US DRAFT, TRUSOV SAID HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO FRAME A DEFINITION FOR ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHER FOR MIRVD MISSILES. HE RESTATED THE SOVIET REJECTION OF THE APPROACH TAKEN IN US ARTICLE II.7, WHICH SAYS IN EFFECT "ONCE TESTED AS A MIRV ALWAYS A MIRV".

6. ROWNY SAID HE WOULD STUDY TRUSOV'S PROPOSED DEFINITIONS AND WOULD COMMENT ON THEM AT THE NEXT MEETING. TRUSOV SAID HE WOULD LISTEN TO OUR FURTHER ARGUMENTS ON BACKFIRE AT TIME.

7. ROWNY PROPOSED THE NEXT MEETING FOR 14 APRIL BUT TRUSOV DECLINED IN FAVOR OF 16 APRIL . JOHNSON

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